



PICTURE PERFECT: Mike Phillips, Photographer of the week. It was a 20-foot white shark that seemed to be

Near (2005) Marine Murrell was startled by the sight of a giant fish gliding underwater looking for the surface in Puerto Princesa Bay but working in silence with a sense of awe as it was hardly a school of jacks into a killing zone for the time to have subject below the water surface.

# 15 Marines die in battle

'The fallen fought hard until they captured Abu camp'

By John Aljula  
Inquirer Mindanao  
and Bureau Staff

ZAMBOANGA CITY—"THEY were very brave even in the face of death," a local town mayor said of the Marine officers who fell while leading an attack by government troops on a major stronghold of the extremist Abu Sayyaf on Basilan island early yesterday.

Five officers and 10 enlisted men died in clashes near towns of close quarters war, but which ended with the Abu Sayyaf camp in Kilangban, Ungayon, Palawan, being taken by government forces.

A helicopter gunship pilot was also killed.

"Nobody wanted back. Even when they were already wounded, they continued the assault. Their lives were not wasted," said Ungayon Police Major Joel Biazon, who led a combined group of 40 soldiers.

"The Marine display of increasing gallantry in this engagement is commendable. In the face of danger they did not waver. Their dedication to accomplish their

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PELAGIC OF SERENITY: On the ground, Islamism with its mosque about 100 km away is defined by the serenity of the night. The mosque is a symbol of the religious and cultural heritage of the island.

## Palawan, too, is home to butanding

By Rodrigo Añón  
Inquirer Southern Luzon

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—THE BOUNTY of Palawan Bay was so rich that swimming early last week, it was said a thin layer of soft mud had blanketed the entire delta and the sea floor.

Just during a last glimpse, around the bay, waters looking for signs of the world's rarest whale shark.

Palawan, long a hot spot for whale sharks, has been looking for signs of the world's rarest whale shark. The whale shark, also known as the basking shark, is the largest fish in the world. It is found in the waters of the Philippines, particularly in Palawan.

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**Gabby Claudio:  
Now left-leaning  
and all screwed up**

By Michael Lee  
LEFT-LEARNING, CHICKEN MEAT  
and all  
This was the first time that  
the left-leaning Gabby Claudio  
was described by a doctor as  
a left-leaning man.

## Stranger's poem moves steely Edita Burgos to tears

By Leticia B. Salazar

NEW HAS BEEN COUNTY SEARCHING for her missing son, but after reading a poem by a stranger on the other side of the globe, Edita Burgos felt the first of tears.

The poem, especially written for her in Palawan and read by e-mail, reached the newspaper because that Burgos has chosen to maintain the story but 25-year-old son's disappearance on the public radar and, at the same time, helps in the search for other missing children.

## Management Man of the Year is 'every woman's impossible dream'

By Tina Arnes-Duarte

NEITHER RAIN NOR FLOOD COULD keep some of the country's top bank new executives from honoring one of their own.

## RP seas may hold key to cancer cure

By Tina B. Salazar

IF A FILIPINO SCIENTIST'S RESEARCH on seaweed can really live up to the promise of a drug, 1,000 lives may be saved. The scientist, who is now in the United States, is looking for the key to cancer cure.

Man of the Year was under water on Aug. 13 when the business leader a national dinner in honor of the country's top executives.

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for 2006 by the Management Association of the Philippines.

On the side, he was dubbed "every woman's impossible dream."

According to business president

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# 100 'Ramons' to plant trees for 'The Guy'

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# Spend and shuffle

**T**HE IMPREPRESSIBLE MIRIAM DEFENSOR-SANTOS wants the Outbreaks and Epidemics Control Center (OECC) to be a model for the rest of the country. She wants to have the OECC build a new hospital in the National Capital Region's flood-prone areas. She wants to have the OECC build a new hospital in the National Capital Region's flood-prone areas. She wants to have the OECC build a new hospital in the National Capital Region's flood-prone areas.

**EDITORIAL**  
But—based on past administration behavior—could that city mayor only get taken to task, when it's politically expedient to do so.

The President embodied an attitude that, on the whole, went unchallenged and mostly, she transferred responsibility for Miriam's flood control program to the Department of Public Works and Highways to the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority. She then instructed the budget secretary to raise P200.00 flood control budget from its present P100 million to P250 million (for 2006). And she went on to remind barangay officials that they are the first line, so to speak, in flood control efforts—which is very true.

We are, of course, aware of the President's penchant for trying to solve problems by introducing the same old, same old officials, while simultaneously throwing money at the problem. For example, while it does make sense to have the MMHA focus on the National Capital Region's flood control efforts, we recall MMHA Chair Benigno Aquino III's words: "We had accomplished great things in terms of flood control. The climate, in fact, had turned, were in tip-top shape. Now either they move, or we move."

If they were, it says a lot of the executive mismanagement of the OECC that the status quo had boiled up in a matter of months. If they weren't, then either Fernando was lying or wasn't on top of the situation; either way, this begs the question of why he deserves to have flood control responsibilities handed back to him. It also needs to be asked—if Fernando had indeed achieved great things with the OECC—why flood control had been transferred by the President from the MMHA to the DPWH, only to hand it back to the MMHA again after the mischievous answer is, of course, the magic words, "elections" and "patronage spending."

Increasing the budget the less another question: Was the flood control budget being allocated in too glibly manner? Could that be the reason why the President was diverted a P100-million increase? But then when does that over-patronage indeed become a question? Or, would something have been discovered over the past few weeks, which suddenly justifies the increase? We'd certainly like to know what our officials learned over the past few weeks that practical experience didn't teach them over the past few decades.

Either the government has a plan, or it's simply allocating money first, and then determining how to really spend it, later. Unfortunately, neither prospect is comforting: If it had a plan, but wasn't adequately funding it, then it can't depend on the MMDA's trying to pay on top of the money. If it didn't have a plan, then how on earth can it make sense to increase money first, and then the planning later? The whole thing would smack too much of a public works waste to the nation.

Still, the President was on to something when she ordered responsibility for flood control handed back to the MMHA. She was correct in saying barangay officials can be more active in developing the nation. When she can be even instrumental—also is, truly presidential—in outlining how national and local governments can come together, integrate their efforts in a coordinated flood control plan, rationalize the revenue and expenditure of the drainage infrastructure, wedding civil engineers to the thousands of technicians and workers in the field of flood control.

It is, in the long-running problem of the OECC that is a collection of extremely jealous barons, the mayor, who are so insistent on their prerogatives, that a population of over 10 million people who depend on the OECC for their collective drainage. Legislation may be required, to propose a more unified form of government for the sprawling OECC.



# The feeble Armed Forces of the Philippines

I HAVE RETURNED BUT REMAINING AND GRATEFUL for the address in the Armed Forces of the Philippines who are fighting the war of the country in the jungle of Mindanao and the mountainous terrain in Luzon to uphold the rule of law and the integrity of the Constitution as the symbol of our way of life as a free and independent nation.

Thus an existing the great service of justice and patriotism that the Armed Forces of the Philippines have rendered to the nation, which is the symbol of our way of life as a free and independent nation. Thus an existing the great service of justice and patriotism that the Armed Forces of the Philippines have rendered to the nation, which is the symbol of our way of life as a free and independent nation.

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THE STORY OF TOLU AREA A PHYSICIAN, an engineer and a lawyer discussing among themselves which is the most powerful. The doctor argues, "Medicine is the most powerful because it can cure the most people. The engineer argues, "Engineering is the most powerful because it can build the most things. The lawyer argues, "Law is the most powerful because it can control the most people."

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Bene-Chi-Nio-A. AlonzoDreams disappear  
with soldiers' deathsBy Julie S. Alpaga  
Zamboanga City

**I**N THE AFTERNOON OF AUG. 8, Atan Porey Sr. and his wife Wilfrida got an unexpected text message from their eldest son, Porey.

It was good news for the couple because Porey, 36, graduate of the Western University, United States Military Academy, divided to meet them after more than four months of assignment in Iraq.

Porey, claiming he wanted to get some rest from 36 days of operations, said he would be home in two days.

But Wilfrida also felt uncomfortable as her son rarely communicated with them.

"When only one message when there's an emergency," she said.

Porey Jr., also a soldier of the United States Army, said he learned the fate of his older brother

because they jumped off in operations days of Aug. 8 in Mindungmang in Iraq.

"Before we passed away, he supposed my brother saying 'Don't drink brother's blood. I want to go home and see my dog. I hope you'll be allowed to have a gun so you can join me in the south Texas (father) and New Mexico,'" the soldier Atan said.

The son added and said his brother is in heaven.

"He wanted to return and see me."

Three in his promise, Porey returned to his parents. But that time, in a sudden, he was killed in a truck with suspected Iraqis being loaded in Mindungmang on Aug. 8.

"Is this what you mean when you said you would be coming home to me?" Wilfrida asked and she embraced Porey's father.

Wilfrida and Porey last visited their hometown in Porey, Zamboanga del Sur, last month ago. During that visit, Porey said to encourage his father to return to his military work as the advance for Calaga

(Citizens Armed Forces Geographic Unit) members had been taken to P2,700.

Porey Jr. said he had joined the Army as a "volunteer."

"Life is very hard in the barracks, and I have lost some. I was a Calaga then coming about 10,000 pesos, which was enough to feed the family and send them to school," he said.

But Porey failed to convince his father to return to the Calaga. "I advised my husband that it was enough to have me stay in the military and in our family, as Atan is now into farming," Wilfrida said.

It was also Porey who convinced his brother, Porey Jr., to join the Army. "We were all poor, we would exchange for him," Wilfrida recalled.

A similar dream pushed Porey Jr. into joining the Army 11 years ago.

Porey, also a member of the United States Army, was also killed in Iraq. A month after the war, he would return from the service when his children finished schooling. "Then, Porey's wife, said.

The United States has four children aged 1 to 14.

Porey said he had kept on waiting, knowing that the children's wife, said.

She said all these "promises" will be gone along with Porey, the said Porey joined the Army because he wanted a brighter future for their first-born.

"She will never admit her husband's dream of having their children finish schooling, she said.

Wendy Jamming, widow of Porey's brother, Porey Jr., is also concerned with her children, aged 1 and 2. She said her husband joined the Army to fulfill their dreams of building a house and sending their children to school.

"But these are all gone. When they killed my husband, they also killed all our dreams," she said.

For those soldiers, it wasn't all about money in the country. They had dreams that died with them.



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A Sibol Preschool, the 14th to be built by the Manila Electric Co., recently opened its doors to children from a General Santos community in Antipolo City.

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## STARTING 'EM YOUNG

## Urban kids get values education from Sibol preschools

By Freya B. Phelan/Inquirer Staff Writer

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2012** It is now hard to find a quality and value-based education with the opening of the Manila Electric Co. (Meralco) Sibol Preschool in General Santos. Meralco is currently in Antipolo City.

This is the 14th Sibol preschool since 2009 to be built by the Manila Electric Co. in GE villages located in depressed areas of the company's franchise area.

The other schools are located in Alindoging City, Pangasinana, Marikina, Calabarzon City, San Mateo in Rizal, Norelita, San Pablo City in Laguna and Marikina, Marikina. And these are targeted for construction by 2013.

The new school building in Antipolo City will have three classrooms, with each class composed of 20 to 25 students. Meralco will shoulder the school's monthly allowance

and the school's utility bills for a year. The homebased teachers and the beneficiary families will then take care in cooperation with General Santos City's teacher union led by Gaudy for Orin members in the area.

The schools will also provide free learning aids such as storybooks, educational toys and school supplies.

## Parents get involved, too

According to Christopher Tap, program director of Meralco's different foundation facilities, especially in the rural areas of the power firm's franchise, parents are required to assist the teachers in organizing school activities.

There are also training programs for teachers, parents and other community members to boost their guidance and counseling skills and make them aware of the concepts of early childhood education and management.

After from Marikina, other

private organizations have also built over 300 Sibol preschools to deliver GE villages services to help solve the shortage of preschool facilities in the country.

The Early Child Care and Development Act or Republic Act No. 10550 requires the government to provide early childhood education to 5-year-old Filipino children, based on the latest data. However, of the estimated 3.2 million children of preschool age in 2009, only 1,688 million at 77 percent were served by formal preschools and day care centers.

Of the figures, only 42,000 or two percent of 5-year-olds were registered in the Department of Education.

The local "value" growth of "Moralizing" underscores a critical need to instill in young children the values of responsibility and discipline as they prepare for many later formal school.

Psychologists say that chil-

dren's experiences during the formative years between ages 3 and 7 are crucial in building their self-esteem, emotional stability and interpersonal skills. At this stage, they easily absorb whatever they observe, experience and learn at home and from their environment.

## Elementary counterpart

Sibol's counterpart in the grade school level is another GE education program called "Sipag (Sipag)" which provides moral lessons, sports and creative workshops and other fun activities for seven children ages 7 to 13.

Another program called "Sipag (Sipag)" grants scholarships to older children in at-risk or vulnerable situations that expose them to drug activities, prostitution and delinquency. (Wella Dizon, mother of a student at the Marikina Sibol Preschool in Calabarzon City, said she was surprised by the changes she saw in the students.



Sibol Preschool officials and employees helped in the school's construction by doing odd jobs.

"The happy kids have become nice models. They are growing up to be good persons. Some kids who used to wear a longer hair because they have learned it is wrong. They have also learned how to say sorry when they get into a fight," she said.

The neighborhood associa-

tion involved in the construction of the school has also developed a sense of ownership and commitment to keeping it going as they learn to appreciate the values of honesty and quality.

"The neighborhood association learns about respectiveness because they take care of the school," Dizon said.

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# The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence R. Sauter

## Russia revives strategic bomber patrols

**MOSCOW**—PRESIDENT VLADIMIR V. PUTIN said Friday that the Russian Air Force would resume regular, long-range patrols by nuclear-capable bombers over the world's oceans, resuming the practice after a 15-year hiatus in another sign of Russia's growing assertiveness.

In the first flight, 14 bombers and six supporting airplanes took off on Saturday in Friday Putin said, in exercise carried in state television. Putin said such patrols would resume "from this day on."

The seven on Friday included Tu-95 and Tu-160 airplanes, known by their NATO appella-

tions as Blackjacks and Bears, according to a statement posted on the Russian Defense Ministry website.

The Russian bombers were flying Friday over the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and the South Pole, and were being escorted by their fighter jets, the air said, including the warbirds

of the Cold War.

After the fall of the Soviet Union, Russia would periodically send its aging bombers first to the Pacific and then to the Atlantic during major military training exercises, the country was not past its 15th day of silence.

That is no longer the case, but the bombers will regularly fly missions for their bases and separately from scheduled training missions, Putin sug-



A Tu-160 strategic bomber carrying a large cruise missile, photographed by the Norwegian Air Force in international waters outside the coast of Norway on Aug. 17.

gested on Friday that the decision was a response to military threats to Russia.

The American response on Friday was muted. "Military around the world engage in a variety of different activities," Gordon D. Johnston, a White

House spokeswoman, said reporters in Crawford, Texas, as Putin said, "It's not unusual to see that the Russian Air Force, the Russian military might engage in this kind of activity."

Russia has 79 strategic aircraft capable of carrying 900 cruise missiles, Russian officials reported, far more than at the height of the Cold War.

Still, the composition of bomber flights was the focus in

a series of media firestorms for Russia, emboldened by world governments, wealthy and sagged over what it has called terrorism, and their aggressive, including plans for a missile-defense system in the Czech Republic and Poland, earlier said.

"It's a symbolic gesture but it stands for something very real, which is a stronger Russia," said Cliff Napleton, a Russia expert at the Heritage Group, a political and defense think tank, and consulting firm in Washington, said, speaking of the resumption of strategic bomber patrols.

## US agency swamped by requests for visas

**MISGRADING ACTIVITIES** have received about 300,000 applications for high-skilled employment visas since July 1.

Indeed, officials said on Friday, a delay unfolded after the federal government first said it would not accept any applications for those visas during July and then reversed course.

Consent and immigration services, the federal agency, was still reviewing applications for employment visas on Friday, the last day of a special period it announced on July 17 for immigrants with professional skills

in the previous for permanent residence visas, known as green cards.

The agency admitted it was swamped by the applications, it had already received, which was more than double the annual limit of 140,000 employment visas.

In the three months before July the agency received an average of 54,700 applications a month for all green cards, including employment visas and those based on family ties. Applications were already rising, then as foreigners sought to file papers before higher processing

fees took effect on July 30.

Preventing their applications did not guarantee that immigrants would receive their green cards quickly, since the annual limit remains the same. All the applications did was on the immigration places on the list for green cards.

The visa roller coaster ride began on June 12, when the State Department announced that visas would be available in July for a variety of professional immigrants. The State Department often times, and often and leaving their services pro-

cessing applications for them.

Immigrants eligible for employment visas include doctors, nurses and people with advanced degrees and technology skills. Immigrants can apply if they meet certain criteria but find the federal government that an American workers are available for that job.

After thousands of immigrants began to prepare applications, the State Department said on July 1 that visas would be available after all because the immigration agency had accelerated in processing and limited visas. NYT



President George W. Bush and his daughter Jenna Bush together.

The White House announced on Friday, the engagement of their daughter Jenna to Hugar, son of John and Megyn Hugar of Richmond, Va.

### ENGAGED

The May 2006 photo released by the White House shows President and Mrs. George W. Bush's daughter Jenna Bush with Hugar (left). The White House announced on Friday, the engagement of their daughter Jenna to Hugar, son of John and Megyn Hugar of Richmond, Va.



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## Turkish plane hijacked en route to Istanbul

**ANKARA**—THREE MEN WHO SAID they were of Qatari nationality attempted to hijack a Turkish passenger plane en route to Istanbul, leaving the aircraft in land in the southern Turkish city of Antalya, passengers and officials said.

None of the passengers managed to escape after the plane landed, leaving only the hijackers and a few passengers and crew members, officials said.

The plane, operated by the private Turkish airline company Atlas Jet, was on route from north-west Cyprus to Istanbul, company manager Tugay Dogan said.

The hijackers wanted to take the plane to Iran, but the pilot said they needed to refuel and the plane made an emergency landing in the Mediterranean coast of Antalya, he said.

There were 130 passengers and 15 crew aboard, he said.

When the plane landed, passengers broke down the back door of the airplane and most of them managed to get out, one of

the passengers who fled, Yildirim, said. NYT

"They (the hijackers) and they were from Qatari. They tried to break the airplane," he said.

"After we landed, we managed to break down the back door and jumped out. The hijackers could not intervene. They were in the front of the plane."

Another passenger who managed to escape said the two men said they had a bomb and wanted to go to Iran.

"They spoke in Arabic, sometimes they spoke in English. One of them spoke a little Turkish," said the woman, who was not identified.

She explained that the hijackers had agreed to free children and women but while they had them go out the front door, male passengers managed to break open the back door and flee.

Nine passengers and two crew members were still inside the plane, officials told Anadolu news agency.

## Vietnam warns women vs overseas marriages

**HANOI**—VIETNAM'S WOMEN'S union plans to set up an information center to teach prospective brides about the risks of overseas marriages arranged by illegal intermediaries, state media and officials said.

Concerns over the practice of Vietnamese women, most from poor backgrounds, seeking wealthy foreigners through illegal intermediaries heightened after the death of one bride in the home of her South Korean husband.

The new bride with 18 hours left to live was found dead. Police arrested her husband.

Giorgio, from a lower left by the woman, a former rice farmer and factory worker, according her cousin and brother-in-law in South Korea were published in the Vietnamese media.

The committee said it was

not an intention, plans to set up the information and legal advice center nationwide.

Vietnam has become a popular destination for brides from South Korea and other Asian countries seeking for better lives, often on working as arranged trips that include such as shopping, visa procedures and family home visits.

The commercial matchmaking operation has stirred anger and reports of parental brides being paid and harassed by their new husbands, and of income and domestic violence by many women who are lower educated.

The number of Vietnamese brides in South Korea reached over 10,000 last year, up 74 percent from the previous year, with most married to farmers and laborers.

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## Danish home entertainment leader comes to Manila

Bang & Olufsen offers audio and video products  
that often depart from the mainstream philosophy

BLUEPRINT by David

BECKENTER by Ben

IT IS NOT EVERYDAY THAT A leading international brand sets up shop in Manila, especially one of Danish audio-video giant Bang & Olufsen's caliber.

So when Steve Bang and Thomas Holten, B&O's founders, announced the arrival of this remarkable brand, people who have been waiting to get their hands on these top-of-the-line home entertainment systems welcomed the news with a mix of awe—and eyes and ears—wide open.

Bang & Olufsen, proud developers of music systems for Southeast Asia, admitted they took a long time coming to the Philippines. "We had expanded to China, Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Singapore before coming here," he said. But the real reason is Bang & Olufsen products are sleek, minimalist and state-of-the-art, although "simply" was used to describe their early works like "performance," "unfamiliarity" and "the transition."

Started as a business venture in 1925 by two young Danish engineers, Peter Bang and Svend Olufsen (hence you know why the name), the company is renowned for its distinctive range of quality consumer electronics products that combine technological excellence with minimalist aesthetic appeal. More specifically, it has become one of the most commercially successful leaders in home entertainment audio and video products.

### Building sound

As most know quick to admit, however, that the brand had never been the popular choice among audiophiles. "Today, we create ways to derive from the sound philosophy and technology to build sound," he said.

This speaks true of Bang & Olufsen's product philosophy. The company's goal is to make technology work in a way that adds value to the products in everyday use, showing the company's core competencies are the deliberate choice of leading edge components and materials, and its special attention to the surface of the finished product.

Bang & Olufsen offers value-added solutions that put premium on quality consumer and design, as well as ensure a truly satisfying listening and viewing experience. It aims to create perfect reproduction faithful to real-life experience while giving the screen. This is a new dimension, as is the ultra-modern technology it.

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# Sunday LIFESTYLE

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## Volunteerism on the rise



GFX TEAM 58 during the mid-phase review at Pearl River Resort on Sand in Essex

By Constantine C. Tajeros

**B**EFORE IT CAME TO BE KNOWN AS CSR, the forward corporate social responsibility had been hampered about for some time within our premises in the late 1980s and early '90s as they had been business opportunistic with "self" and people were becoming a daily word.

Now, some of these corporate have even realized that information is freely flowing in their world; the community part of the brand is they're not too much. It's the volunteerism that has been at the global education for local schools, to promote changes, issue building, facilitating for local school in any way that would have "good" for and provide contribution to community initiatives.

Global Xchange is one such program. By promoting it, corporations would be helping the development and share valuable skills and to make a practical contribution where it is needed in local communities.

Its exchange program for young people, it was formed in 2004 after being funded by the Ministry for Overseas Development (MFD), raised over international development about the local and local and local development projects in the charity world. In 2004, the Community Service Volunteers (CSV), and the British Council (the world's largest international cultural relations organization, operating in 100 countries for over 70 years).

Modelled after the World Youth Program developed in Canada over 30 years ago, Global Xchange reached the Philippines in 2003. The development project aims to help in implementing partner programs, a development project aimed at assisting in fighting global poverty and offering fil-



BETTER volunteerism with indigenous children

The youth exchange program Global Xchange finds a local partner in Globe Telecom's corporate social responsibility program. Globe BridgeCo.



Two for the bridge during community interaction

ipine professionals the opportunity to share their skills with the disadvantaged in other developing countries.

### Global connectivity

Recently the program was joined by Globe Telecom through its CSR program, Globe BridgeCo.

"Globe Telecom and Global Xchange are looking to develop 'linking communities' at all our own, everything goes both ways," the program manager explains. "It's a two-way link."

Globe Telecom is now its partner in the Philippines, as CSR public relations head, Lisa Camp, "We also have them

and expertise in community relations during activity season."

This year, a team of 18 Filipino youth has been chosen to take part in the first South-Southeastern and European City Road, food exchange. Volunteers are selected in terms of geographic diversity, ability, education and gender.

In March, they were sent to the two UK cities to meet with their British counterparts and go through immersion program, living with host families and working in local communities.

For the second half of the program, in June, they and their partners return to the Philippines where they will stay until September.

### Mid-phase review

On the last weekend of July, they came to gather at the Raffles Hotel in Manila City for a mid-phase review. As volunteers learn, they also gain and give testimonials as to their experiences in both countries.

"It's so great that the program is starting to show and change," says a volunteer, "I've been able to learn a lot about the other country's culture and people."

They were mostly in pairs and talked of their experiences with diversity and culture, with their families and friends.

Chief of the UK branch and Local Chief from Japan shared their respective experiences with students to that education services in the community they were working in. The UK branch from White and James, London, from England, explained an education service for research in London.

Philip Constantine from Ontario City talked about his experience with people collaborating for economic and social development.

The most impactful and short-term in the London-based blogger, whose parents taught him from Manila. He learned how people in the indigenous community he was working in was at first wary of him, but he learned to overcome his fear. He found a way to break his fear by introducing children to him for a "school play."

As it stands now, Global Xchange hopes to be a two-way link and understanding among young people, and to encourage all who can to make their own exchange with others in this globally global world.

In June, a new program was also being launched, the opportunity to volunteer in the community. What's more, a mature place more flexible and less work-being.



PAGE cleanup in Eastgate, UK



VOLUNTEER takes part in emergency activity at St. Mary's Fire Station in Southampton



GLOBAL volunteerism for local schools



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## Oil giant launches reading program in Cebu

**GREEN CHRISTIAN PHILIPPINES INC.** launched the Green Mission Program (GMP) in Laik Elementary School in Cebu, offering and offering also and named the initiative, as it addressed the problem of many students in public schools growing at an alarming rate.

The GMP is a Christian Philippines' flagship volunteer program that enables its members and their families, members, and various business partners to address the issue, also known as students at risk (SAR), in public schools.

Under the program, GMP volunteers formed their children as a one-on-one basis in reading, to teach English and PE, give four consecutive Saturdays.

Laik, a high school junior from the University of the Philippines, who said, "The GMP is a great solution in meeting people like me who want to help but don't know how, and children in need like the Laik students."

Laik and 37 of the volunteer members are members of the Laik, a branch of the Laik Club in the University of the South Philippines Foundation, one of the partners of the GMP.

Volunteer member, Lisa Camp, said that the program is growing in popularity. She said, "We are now looking for more volunteers for the GMP. We are now looking for more volunteers for the GMP. We are now looking for more volunteers for the GMP."

### Unique component

The program's adherence to their commitment paid off after a month when their students' reading skills were tested. One of the unique components of the GMP is the pre- and post-reading assessment of the target students to gauge the effectiveness of the program.

Based on results, several new readers who grew from their literacy journey were the highest score in a month later. Camp said, "We are now looking for more volunteers for the GMP. We are now looking for more volunteers for the GMP. We are now looking for more volunteers for the GMP."



CHENHAI (Lap-Lap) Terminal manager and Cebu Mission Program volunteer Wills Peralta helps a child with their reading



CHENHAI (Lap-Lap) Terminal manager and Cebu Mission Program volunteer Wills Peralta helps a child with their reading

Laik Elementary School principal Loretta Depina said that there was indeed a great change among the students. "We were very happy with the results, which proved that the students' reading skills have improved."

City Councilor Cebu Mangin, a retired teacher who chairs the committee on education in the Lap-Lap City Council, praised Christian Philippines Inc. for organizing the project and to encourage its members to continue to do so. He said, "We are now looking for more volunteers for the GMP. We are now looking for more volunteers for the GMP. We are now looking for more volunteers for the GMP."

### Multi-awarded program

Launched in 2000, the multi-awarded program has reached the lives of more than 1,000 students and has won the most number of awards in any area of the Philippines with an "Excellent" award in 2006. The program is also a finalist in the 2007 Gawad Kalinga Award for the most innovative and creative project.

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# Sunday LIFE STYLE Travel

## From Fatima to Madrid: Reflections on a Marian pilgrimage

By Maria R.M. Sison  
Coordinator

**A**CCORDING TO BLESSED Gaetano of Igny, "All things are possible to the one who believes, there is no doubt about it."

Last April 20-May 10, my parents and I joined other pilgrims from the San Francisco Foundation in Los Angeles, California for a 14-day pilgrimage to Marian sites in Fatima, Portugal, Lourdes, France, and Spain.

This would be the last pilgrimage for my dad because he once became bedridden; my mom's physical health is above the de-

cay and her ability to walk is also restricted. But they both have faith that in constant and unwavering, and I have no doubt that it was what made the pilgrimage possible for my 67-year-old father and my soon-to-be 60 mother.

The two ladies are daughters; we were joined to a fabulous dinner with wine and Baccarat entertainment.

Meanwhile, our hosts were guides who speak three languages, shared valuable information on the cultural, social and economic heritage of Spain. Our relationship was group after hours of our priorities: photos, shopping and food.

### Fatima, Portugal

We were very excited as my mom, myself and some members of our trip group were here for the first time. After breakfast, we got to the big green and white bus with the name, *Jesus present on the side*.

We passed by the original house of the three shepherd children to whom Our Blessed Mother appeared in May 1917. The village Fátima and Jacinta Maria at that time were 9 and 8, respectively. Their cousin Lucia de Jesus was 9. We briefly saw a few of the relatives of these three visionaries.

Rev. Gerald McElroy and Rev. Mag. Patrick Sullivan, pastor and pastor emeritus, respectively, were part of our group. They celebrated Mass, said prayers and blessed the gifts and consecrated breads throughout the trip.

In the evening, we joined a candlelight procession.



BASELICA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA PILLAR, Saragossa, Spain, a UNESCO World Heritage Site



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# Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements, debut photos of engaged couples, names of parties, dates and places of wedding, and guest list along with a photo of the couple and a photo of the bride and groom. If you are the bride or groom, please send a photo of the bride and groom in a separate photo. All photos of the bride and groom will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the reader.



## AGUSTIN SAGOT

Agustin Sagot, son of Piedad Sagot, and recently Betty Sagot, daughter of Victor Sagot, will marry on August 19, 2007 at the Holy Family Church, San Francisco, California. Reception will be at the San Francisco Hotel, San Francisco.



## RODRIGUEZ 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Margarita Rodriguez of Pabillon, Malibu, California, celebrated recently their golden wedding anniversary at the San Francisco Church of Malibu, California. Reception was held at the parish garden.



## MAELLA-BAYLON

Maella Baylon, daughter of Maella Baylon and Gregory Baylon, will marry on August 19, 2007 at the Holy Family Church, San Francisco, California. Reception will be at the parish garden.



## GARY CHOI

Gary Choi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Choi, will marry on August 19, 2007 at the Holy Family Church, San Francisco, California. Reception will be at the parish garden.



## MAYNARD-GOLLEMAN

Bill Maynard, son of Bill Maynard and Karen Lawrence, and recently Goleman, daughter of Goleman and Karen Lawrence, will marry on August 19, 2007 at the Holy Family Church, San Francisco, California. Reception will be at the parish garden.



## DONALD 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Don and Dina Donald celebrated their silver wedding anniversary recently at the Holy Family Church, San Francisco, California. Reception was held at the parish garden.



## VICTORIA-LIPEZ

Victor Lipez, son of Victor Lipez and Maria Lipez, and recently Victoria Lipez, daughter of Victor Lipez and Maria Lipez, will marry on August 19, 2007 at the Holy Family Church, San Francisco, California. Reception will be at the parish garden.



## Showcase of wedding ideas

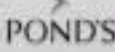
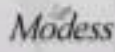
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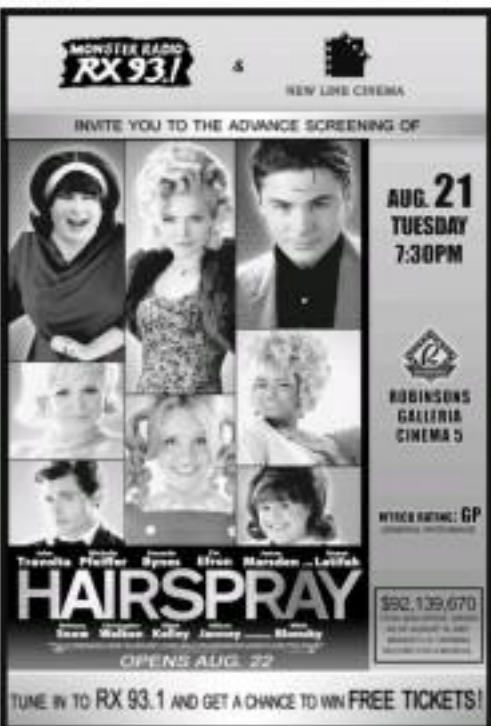


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Yoshi Oshiro is Jenny Herrera's classmate. She'll be the star of the night and dance on Aug. 21, 8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Nickelodeon.

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# Sunday LIFE STYLE Travel

## From Fatima to Madrid: Reflections on a Marian pilgrimage

By Maria R.M. Sison  
Coordinator

**A**CCORDING TO BLESSED Gaetano of Igny, "All things are possible to the one who believes, there is no doubt about it."

Last April 20-May 10, my parents and I joined other pilgrims from the San Francisco Foundation in Los Angeles, California for a 14-day pilgrimage to Marian sites in Fatima, Portugal, Lourdes, France, and Spain.

This would be the last pilgrimage for my dad because he once became bedridden; my mom's physical health is above the de-

cay and her ability to walk is also restricted. But they both have faith that in constant and unwavering, and I have no doubt that it was what made the pilgrimage possible for my 67-year-old father and my soon-to-be 60 mother.

The two ladies are daughters; we were joined to a fabulous dinner with wine and Baccarat entertainment.

Meanwhile, our host your guide who speaks three languages, shared valuable information on the cultural, social and economic heritage of Spain. Our relationship was group after those of our priorities: photos, shopping and food.

### Fatima, Portugal

We were very excited as my mom, myself and some members of our trip group were here for the first time. After breakfast, we got to the big green and white bus with the name, Jesus present on the side.

We passed by the original house of the three shepherd children to whom Our Blessed Mother appeared in May 1917. The village Fátima and Jacinta Maria at that time were 9 and 8, respectively. Their cousin Lucia de Jesus was 9. We briefly saw a few of the relatives of those three visionaries.

Rev. Gerald McElroy and Rev. Mag. Patrick Sullivan, pastor and pastor emeritus, respectively, were part of our group. They celebrated Mass, said prayers and blessed the gifts and consecrated breads throughout the trip.

In the evening, we joined a candlelight procession.



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